



### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

### **AUGUST, 2013**

# CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:

Closed

**LABOR DAY** Monday September 2, 2013

Remember, <u>NO</u> trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. <u>For those whose normal trash day is</u>

Monday - there will be a <u>CURBSIDE ONLY</u> pickup on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.



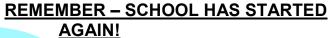
### **E-BILL MEANS NO PAPER BILL**

Please be aware that if you sign up for E-Bill on the website, you will receive **NO** paper bill in the mail. Your bill will be transmitted **ONLY** via the internet to your



# WAYS TO PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL

- 1. <u>BY MAIL</u>. Please allow 7-10 days for delivery of the mail. This will avoid a late fee.
- ACH AUTOMATIC DRAFT Please come to City Hall to sign up for this service. A voided check is required and there is no fee for this payment method. ACH payments are drafted on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- 3. <u>IN PERSON</u>. City Hall is open 8:00 to 5:00 to accommodate those residents who prefer to pay their bill in person.
- 4. <u>NIGHT DROP</u> There is a night drop box on the west wall located to the right of the main entrance doors. Please make sure your account number or service address is on the check or money order so that the payment may be correctly applied to your account.
- 5. <u>E-Bill</u> The City website has a sign-up button which will link you to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor through which payment may be made. There is a small fee for this service and you must have your bill available as there is a PIN # printed on it which is required to set up your account.



Please stay alert to children walking to and from area schools.

Pay particular attention to the school crosswalks. The crossing guards are public

safety employees and work under the supervision of the Chief of Police. Motor vehicles and pedestrians are required to follow the directions of a crossing guard. Failure to follow such direction is subject to traffic laws and may result in conviction or fines.

# City Hall 789-2892 Fax 787-5432 Police Department 789-3329 Fire Department 789-5912 Animal Control 789-9025 Municipal Court 495-3032 Inspections & Permits 789-2892

**Helpful Phone Numbers** 

Sanitation Department 491-6474
Streets & Parks 787-1404
Sewer Department 491-6478
Community Center 789-9892
Putnam City Schools 495-5200

### **City Council Members**

### Mayor

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### **Storm Shelters**

Storm shelters are available at the following locations for citizens who are away from home when severe weather threatens the City of Warr Acres.

Cherokee Hills Park NW 67<sup>th</sup> & Cherokee Grandma Lily's Park NW 40<sup>th</sup> West of MacArthur City Hall 5930 NW 49<sup>th</sup>

# Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday (9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed if temperature is over 95°F.

# SAFETY TIPS FOR THE SCHOOL BUS

### School Bus Safety for Children:

- Wait for the bus away from traffic and the street.
- Do not head toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting the bus, walk away from the bus and keep a safe distance. Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped.

### School Bus Safety for Parents:

- Supervise children as they wait for the bus, making sure they are away from the street.
- Instruct your child to ask the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver may not see him or her.
- Develop a plan in case your child misses the bus. If your child misses the bus in the morning, he or she should return home immediately. If that doesn't work, you should determine somewhere else your child can go from the bus stop.
- If your child misses the bus after school, discuss a plan for getting home. Most likely, he or she will simply have to call from the school's office, but make sure that your child knows not to accept rides from strangers.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, you can talk to the school office or transportation director about changing the location.



### **CONTRACTORS MUST BE LICENSED**

Residents are reminded that any contractors doing work for them must be licensed by the City of Warr Acres and the contractor must obtain a permit for the work being done **PRIOR** to beginning the job. Residents are urged to ask any contractor they are considering hiring if they are licensed by the City of Warr Acres. Work permits are issued to **EVERY** contractor who purchases a permit and will be printed on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of white paper.

Licensed contractors are required to carry worker's compensation. This means that if a worker is injured at your home, they are covered under your contractor's worker's compensation. You may ask them to furnish proof to you of their worker's compensation coverage. If you have a Non-Licensed Contractor and/or individual, you are taking the risk upon yourself and your insurance company for any injuries that occur on your property.

# FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING



FEMA advises that in the event of a fire, remember that **EVERY SECOND COUNTS**, so you and your family must always be prepared. Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire.

**PREPARE** and **PRACTICE** your fire escape plan twice a year with everyone in your household, including children and people with disabilities. Some tips to consider when preparing your escape include:

- Draw a map of your home and show all doors and windows. Find two ways to get out of each room. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them.
- Have a plan for everyone in your home who has a disability.
- Practice your fire escape plan at night and during the daytime.

# **REMEMBER**, in the event of a fire:

- 1. IMMEDIATELY leave the home.
- 2. NEVER open doors that are hot to the touch.
- 3. DESIGNATE a meeting place outside and take attendance.
- 4. ONCE OUT, STAY OUT! Never go back into a burning building for any reason.

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